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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, TECH, CA
SUBJECT: VISIT OF OTA REPRESENTATIVE TO WHITESHELL

1. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY AECL THAT ROBERT LEACHMAN OF THE OFFICE OF TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT PLANS TO VISIT AECL'S WHITESHELL NUCLEAR RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT (WNRE) IN MANITOBA ON 21 SEPTEMBER 1978.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO SEE THE DRY STORAGE FACILITIES FOR SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL ASSEMBLIES AND, PRESUMABLY, TO DISCUSS THE RELATIVE MERITS OF WET VS. DRY STORAGE.

3. COMMENT: SINCE THE ORIGINAL CANDU POWER REACTOR CONCEPT WAS PREDICATED ON LONG TERM WET STORAGE, THE DRY STORAGE DEMONSTRATION IS LOOKED UPON BY AECL AS OFFERING AN ALTERNATE, OR PERHAPS ADJUNCT, TO WET STORAGE.

4. THE AECL IS SENSITIVE TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT DRY STORAGE MIGHT BE PUSHED BY CERTAIN GROUPS IN THE U.S. ON THE BASIS OF THE WNRE EXPERIENCE. THEREFORE, THE WNRE GROUP HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY AECL MANAGEMENT NOT TO OVERSELL ITS DRY STORAGE CONCEPT TO VISITORS.

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